



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns Church €449.50

Ballyduff Church €100.00

If you wish, you may use **365 Banking** and transfer your contribution periodically to the parish account, please put your Sunday Envelope number on your donation or name.

Ferns Church No. 1 A/ C.

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE16 BOFI 9065 6678 0456 47

Ballyduff Church

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14

Clogogue Church

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10

SVP St Aidan's Conference Ferns

Whatever your reason for getting in touch, if you need support from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul we are here to help you. There are a wide range of supports we can offer you, from practical help and advice, to a friendly ear all in the strictest of confidence.

Web: www.svp.ie/requesthelp

Email: StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie

Phone: 086 721 9303

Raffle in Aid of Ballyduff Church

A raffle will take place for 2 beautiful Denby Dinner Services with the proceeds going towards the upkeep of Ballyduff Church. Tickets are available in Daybreak shop in Ferns, Cois na hAbhann in Camolin and the Parish Office in Ferns. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5. **Raffle in Aid of Ballyduff Church**

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Office: Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: fernsparish@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 X5 W9**

Weekend Mass Times: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times: Monday to Saturday day 9.30am.

Convent: (Wednesday 7.00pm- not at present due to Covid 19) (Now Mon-Fri 9.00a.m.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 8.00a.m. - 10.00p.m. (www.fernssadoration.com)

Confessions: Every Saturday after 9.30am Mass & First Thursday after 9.30am Mass and on request.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, BALLYDUFF

Weekend Mass Times: Vigil Mass, Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 9.30am **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, CLOGOGUE

Weekend Mass Time: Sunday 10.15am

Eir Code: Y21 CD 96

Reconciliation Services: Lent and Advent. **Baptism:** By appointment.

Marriage: At least three months notice must be given.

Ferns St. Vincent de Paul: Tel: 086 7219303

Safeguarding Officers: Denis Kinsella 087 2465720, Bernidina Roche 086 0786100

Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Clogogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

Has a live Webcam Streaming for all Masses. The camera is focused on the Altar & Sanctuary. You can watch Mass & Services live from St. Aidan's Church by going to YouTube and searching for Ferns Church or on Facebook at Ferns Church Live or on our Parish Website www.fernsparish.ie



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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21st & 22nd November 2020

Jesus Christ the Universal King

The Deep End...A different sort of king

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairy tales, movies and TV shows – the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people – a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

'In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.'

St John of the Cross

Reflection for weekend 21st & 22nd Nov. 2020

We will take some thoughts from the Pope's encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti'

Pope Francis signed his new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, on Saturday 3 October 2020 during a visit to Assisi. The Holy Father celebrated Mass at the tomb of his namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi. The phrase 'Fratelli Tutti' is taken from the writings of St. Francis, one of the major inspirations for Pope Francis' third encyclical, on fraternity and social friendship. So What is It.

The themes put forward are for World Peace and living together. It aims to put forward a new vision for brotherhood and social friendship. Pope Francis invites all men and women to a love that goes beyond the barriers of geography and distance. We need the acknowledgement that we are brothers and sisters because we are the children of one Creator, all in the same boat, and hence we need to be saved. St. Francis did not wage a war of words aimed at imposing doctrines; he simply spread the love of God. He understood that "God is love and those who abide in love abide in God" (1 Jn 4:16)

We need a better kind of politics that is more interested in serving the common good, able to place the dignity of every human being at the centre and assure work to everyone, so that each one can develop his or her own abilities. (Fratelli Tutti)

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

**21st & 22nd November 2020
FERNS CHURCH**

6.30pm: Patrick & Nan Kearney and
deceased family members, Tincurry.

John Doyle, Ballintore.

James & Catherine Browne Kilthomas, their
son Kevin, daughter in law Peg and grandson
Timmy.

8.30am: Marie Dwyer, Rockville, Carnew Rd.
(Month's mind).

11.00am: John & Annie Kirwan and their son
John, Baltinglass.

Mona Martin, Ballingale.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

Sat. 7.30pm: ~~~Sun. 9.30am: ~~~

.CLOGUE CHURCH

SUNDAY 10.15am: ~~~

Friday 27th November Ferns

7.00p.m. Mass and Service of Light for dead.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

28th & 29th Nov 2020

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Patrick Dunbar, Ballylough.

Pat & Kathleen Leacy, Coolbawn.

Cecilia Browne, Clonee and her parents John
& Eileen Sinnott.

8.30am: Liam Davitt, Pairc Mhuire
(months mind)

11.00am Thomas Jackman, Coolbawn
(months mind)

Kevin Murphy, Pairc Mhuire
(months mind)

Convent Chapel

The Convent Chapel will remain open
each day from 8.00a.m.-10.00p.m. for
Adoration and private prayer.

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.

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Pious List

Returning of Envelopes

They may be returned to the Church
Sunday Envelope Box or the Sacristy
before or after daily Mass at 9.30a.m.

Plenary Indulgence for Holy Souls

**To gain the indulgence you are asked to
say Our Father, Creed and pray for the
Pope's Intentions, visit a Church or
Cemetery. Confession & Communion.
within the month or after restrictions.**

Church Opening

Daily for private prayer. No public
Mass, only live streamed at normal
times.

Rosary & Benediction

Mon. - Fri. Church at 7.00p.m.
in the Parish Church Ferns.

Baptisms

During lockdown Baptisms will only
be in emergency.

Funerals

According to Covid 19 Phase 5
ruling. Limited to family/25 people..
Social distancing at all times.

Churches open for Mass?

What will happen in the weeks ahead?
We do not know as yet.

Hopefully, people will be careful so that
the number of Covid 19 cases will drop
and the government will give the go
ahead for Churches to be opened for
public worship. Please God we will be
able to have Mass for Christmas open to
all. Please contact all local politicians
seeking their support for this cause.

At present we are making plans for what
might happen at Christmas. If we are
limited to numbers attending we will
have extra Masses for the Vigil of Christ-
mas and Christmas Day. We may not be
able to have choirs but with modern tech-
nology hopefully we will be able to have
music and Christmas Carols.

Mission Envelope Appeal

From Ferns area envelopes returned so
far we have **€1,175.00.**

Please if possible help and support this
most worthy cause in these pandemic
times. Your generosity will make a
huge difference to all working on the
missions and the spread of the gospel
message in faith and care of the most
vulnerable in our world. We are
Missionary, let us respond fraternally.
You could text **MISSION** to **503000** to
donate **€4.00** (€3.60 will go to the
missions.)

New Secondary School for Gorey

A big thank you to all who voted for the
Patronage of the New Secondary School
in Gorey. We will let you know the result
when we are informed.

Ferns Favourites Cook Book

A collection of baking recipes is on
sale in aid of St. Edan's Cathedral,
On sale in Ferns Parish Office. €10.

**Annual Mass and Ceremony of
Light for the Faithful departed.**

The Annual Mass for the dead and
Service of Light for those who died
in the past year will be live streamed
at **7.00p.m, on Friday 27th Novem-
ber**, Candles will be lit for each
person who died or was buried in the
past year in or from our parish.

Please remember the souls of the
faithful departed in your prayers. "It
is a good and wholesome thought to
pray for the dead.." 2 Macc.

Remember 'They are gone no further
than to God and God is very near'.
"We have loved them in life,, let us
not forget them in death."
May they rest in peace.

Pious List

Pious List Mass intentions will be
offered in St. Aidan's Church
**each week on Monday, Wednesday
and Friday at 9.30a.m.**

If you would like to attend virtually
they will be live stream.

LOTTO DRAW: Tuesday
17th November 2020

JACKPOT NUMBERS: 3, 8, 21, 31

WINNER: No Winner

FERNS LUCKY DIPS

1. Ben Bernie Snr

2. Pdraig Bailey

3. Pat O' Toole

4. Paul Murphy

NEXT DRAW: Tuesday 1st December
2020

JACKPOT: €10,200

LOCATION: Ferns GAA Club
Grounds at 10pm

Tickets can be bought from sellers or
local retailers.

To play online use the link [fernsgaa.com/
lotto.html](http://fernsgaa.com/lotto.html)

Parish Office Hours during Phase 5

For emergency needs before and after
daily Mass. Emergency 087-2387559

Parish Newsletters

They are available at Day Break,
Centra and from all Churches which are
open daily for private prayer.

Signed Mass Cards

If needed, Parish signed Mass Cards are
available at Centra Super Market or The
Sacristy before or after Mass daily

Christmas Cards & Cribs

There are religious items on sale for
Christmas if anyone wishes to buy them.
We are available if you wish to call to the
Sacristy or call the emergency number.